



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-18, 2000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-18 by 2000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A review of social media and public encrypted messaging channels showed no posts of concern regarding the POEs. The majority of posts remained focused on ongoing events in Ottawa.
- Personal**, a noted demonstrator at the Ambassador Bridge last weekend, posted he would be attending the protest tomorrow at the Windsor Riverfront. It is believed he is leaving Ottawa for Windsor.
- Open source reporting suggests vehicles from Ottawa may be planning to relocate to Arnprior Municipal Airport, though there have been no indications of vehicles attending Arnprior Airport.

NIAGARA REGION

The latest post in the previously-mentioned Facebook group "Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022" recommends supporters "peacefully protest in there [sic] own city or Fort Erie," with no indications of plans to affect border traffic.¹ The sole response to this post actively discourages blocking borders.

Peace Bridge

No posts of concern observed regarding Peace Bridge.

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern observed regarding these locations.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location

CORNWALL

No posts of concern regarding this location.

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WINDSOR

There continues to be less online discussion about the blockade in Windsor, with most attention being focused on Ottawa. s.37 posted asking all Canadians to go to Ottawa to support the people there.ⁱⁱ

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Personal posted live in Ottawa on Facebook and he told people "See ya in Windsor 2 pm river front...".^{iv} It is likely he was referring to a protest planned for Saturday (2022-02-19) at the Windsor Riverfront at 14:00hrs. Personal was a noted protestor during the Ambassador Bridge last weekend.^v

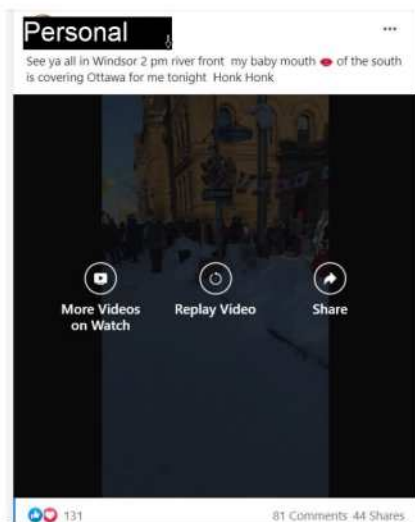


Figure 2: Facebook user "Personal"^{vi}

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No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

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ARNPRIOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Vehicles from Ottawa may be planning to relocate to Arnprior Municipal Airport. Uncorroborated public reporting in *Renfrew Today* claims participants in the “Freedom Truck Convoy 2022” said parking will be available at Arnprior Municipal Airport (633 Johnston Rd, Arnprior, ON). A statement by the Town of Arnprior indicates vehicle parking will not be made available to the public, and there are no indications of vehicles attending Arnprior Airport.^{vii}

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT– YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

As expected, it would appear that the majority of online social media discussions are focused on Ottawa at this time; however, we are cognizant that significant law enforcement actions occurring in Ottawa at this time may have a polarizing effect on supporters elsewhere. Robust live query support is continuing in order to anticipate any shift of activities to the POEs.

LIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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